



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY**  
JULY 26, 2008

**WHEREAS**, pioneering men and women, recognized as cowboys, helped establish the American West, and their spirit, solid character and sound family values continue to have an impact on this state and this country; and

**WHEREAS**, the cowboy is an American icon that embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, patriotism and a strong work ethic; and


**WHEREAS**, the cowboy is an important steward of the land and its creatures, protecting and enhancing the environment, while playing a significant role in the culture and economy of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 800,000 ranchers are conducting business in all 50 states and are contributing to the economic well being of nearly every county in the nation; and


**WHEREAS**, rodeo is the sixth most-watched sport in the United States, and membership in rodeo and other cowboy organizations transcends race and gender, and spans every generation; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota has a rich history of western traditions, and citizens are encouraged to recognize the important legacies and accomplishments of the individuals, communities, ranches and organizations that embrace the American Cowboy culture.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 26, 2008, **DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State